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Project Director

Attn : Contracts Officer  
Chief, Supplemental Programs Division, OC

**Expansion of Facilities at Ramo-Woolridge for Project Aquatone**

1. It is the purpose of this memorandum to certify that certain proposed expansion of R-W facilities are desirable, necessary and apparently economical. The expansions in question are:

- (a) approximately 20,000 square feet of leased space and leasehold improvements for Communication Division personnel engaged in work on Systems Two, Three and Four.
- (b) approximately 15 acres of leased land and the erection of appropriate radio transmitting and receiving facilities thereon necessary to properly develop and test System Two (both Commo and Navigation phases).

2. Both of the above sites have been examined by the undersigned. The leased building, mentioned in (a) above, is virtually adjacent to the existing R-W facilities occupied by the Communication Division and should provide a large measure of efficiency and coordination between the various project groups because of the convenience afforded by the co-location of facilities. The leasehold improvements (now in progress) appear reasonable and consistent with the general nature of the present facilities. There is no evidence of extravagance or unwarranted appointments. On the other hand, the site for the radio station facilities is remotely located and involves approximately one hour's driving time to reach. The land involved is ideally located and arranged for the proposed employment. The structures and improvements proposed by the contractor appear reasonable, economical and warranted by the project. In my judgment, there is no alternate to the approval of this or a similar radio test site if the work on System 2C and 2N is to proceed beyond its present development stage.

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